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December 12, 2008

Ms. Karen Geraghty  
Maine Public Utilities Commission  
State House Station # 18  
242 State Street  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0018

RE: CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY AND  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Request for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Maine Power  
Reliability Program Consisting of the Construction of Approximately 350 Miles of  
345 kV and 115 kV Transmission Lines ("MPRP")  
Docket No. 2008-255

Dear Ms. Geraghty:

Central Maine Power Company (CMP) writes to respond to Eric Bryant's letter of December 10, 2008 concerning the procedural schedule Petitioners proposed on December 9, 2008.

With respect to ODR-03-35, CMP, through Richard Hahn of La Capra, answered this request on December 2, 2008. The OPA then asked that CMP supplement its response which the Company, again through Mr. Hahn, did on December 8, 2008. Copies of these responses have been filed with the Commission and served on all parties. By email dated December 9, the OPA then further clarified this ODR to request the following additional information:

1. Please provide (or state where it already has been provided, if applicable) the detailed results of the load flow simulations for both 2012 and 2017 – without the MPRP - for each of the sub-areas modeled that show reliability violations at the forecasted loads for those years.

2. Please provide the detailed results of all subsequent load flow simulations – without the MPRP - that ultimately result in avoidance of these violations, for each of the sub-areas modeled.
3. For each sub-area, show all computations that may have been used to determine the “threshold load level” from output results of the load flow simulations; and/or identify specifically in the load flow simulation result where the “threshold load level” value can be found.

CMP does not object to this clarification but notes that it significantly increases the scope and breadth of this request and seeks production of voluminous load flow data runs. Nonetheless, CMP is working on gathering the responsive data from RLC Engineering, LLC, and expects to produce it by December 19, 2008.

With respect to the OPA’s request to input some of its own assumptions in CMP’s load flow program, we note that by email dated November 25, the OPA indicated that it was “considering” whether to ask CMP to enter into its MPRP load flow program certain inputs to be developed by Peter Lanzalotta in connection with the preparation of its Intervenor testimony. On December 2, the OPA then confirmed its desire to have its assumptions run through CMP’s load flow model. At the time of this request, the OPA did not provide the assumptions it wished to be run. By email dated December 9, CMP in turn requested that the OPA provide their load flow assumptions in writing and at the same time we proposed to promptly schedule a meeting between the OPA’s consultant, Mr. Lanzalotta, and the Company’s transmission planners. CMP also indicated that it expected that the Staff, including most particularly Mr. Cannata, might desire to participate in this meeting. To date, CMP has not yet received the OPA’s assumptions.

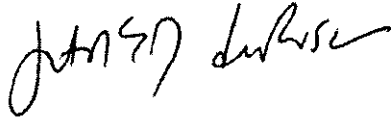
To move this matter along expeditiously, CMP renews its request that the OPA provide in writing the assumptions it would like to run through CMP’s load flow model promptly. We also propose to hold a conference call on December 22 or 23 (the first available dates) with our transmission planning witnesses to discuss the OPA’s assumptions and any other “sensitivity” runs the Staff or any other party may wish to have modeled. Because of the complexity and time necessary to run different cases through CMP’s load flow program, it would be beneficial to coordinate these efforts as much as possible. To avoid any ex parte concerns, CMP also requests that the Hearing Examiner officially notice this conference call so that all parties may participate.

During this conference call, the parties can also discuss the appropriate schedule going forward after the agreed-upon load flow runs are completed. While we are certainly mindful that the OPA and other parties will need time to review the resulting data, we believe that the OPA’s suggested four weeks is more time than necessary and will result in an unnecessary delay in completing this proceeding. Petitioners filed their very extensive petition and supporting exhibits nearly six months ago and, as such, the OPA and other parties have had a significant amount of time to prepare their opposing cases.

Karen Geraghty, Administrative Director  
December 12, 2008  
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared S. des Rosiers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "S".

Jared S. des Rosiers

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cc: James Buckley, Esq.  
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